

Monthly Newsletter

WHO WE ARE: The DePaul Migration Collaborative engages scholars, practitioners, students and alumni to find solutions to society's most pressing problems in the areas of migration, mobility and human rights.

Events

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5/1 @8:30am Broken by Design: Refuge and Responsibility 2026 Symposium

Registration Page: Broken by Design: Refuge and Responsibility Tickets, Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite

Non-DMC Events

2/10 @4:30pm Faculty Fellows Tertulia: "Reading the Political Landscape: Resistance, State, and Transnational Migration in Post-Coup Honduras"(Center for Latino Research)

Location: Arts and Letters 101

2/15 @4pm Breakaway: The Refugee World Cup Film Screening hosted by World Refugee Day Chicago

Tickets: World Refugee Day Chicago Fundraiser: "Breakaway" Film Screening

Location: Swedish American Museum (5211 N. Clark St.)

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Don't Miss It - Registration is Open Today!



Join us on May 1st, 2026, for our powerful one-day symposium Broken by Design: Refuge and Responsibility. Discover the work driving solutions, fostering resilience and supporting those forcibly displaced.

The event brings together legal advocates, practitioners, scholars, artists, and people with lived experience to explore the systems, stories, and barriers that define migration today. With keynote sessions, interactive panels, and conversations focused on the rule of law, community solidarity, data, resettlement, and more, guests can expect to hear strategies for change, community-based solutions, and practical insights for professional advocates.

Broken by Design is open to students, practitioners, researchers, cultural workers, community members and anyone interested in human rights and immigration. In-person and online participation is available.

Date: Friday, May 1st, 2026

Time: 8:30am to 5pm

Location: 1 E. Jackson Blvd Suite 8005

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Agenda

Table with 2 columns: Time and Event. Rows include Guest Check-in and Breakfast, DMC Welcome and Opening Remarks, Opening Plenary, Morning Breakout Sessions, Lunch Plenary, Afternoon Breakout Sessions, Closing Plenary, and Reception and Networking Hour.

MCLE details, accessibility accommodations, and a full agenda including speakers will be provided in the next coming months.

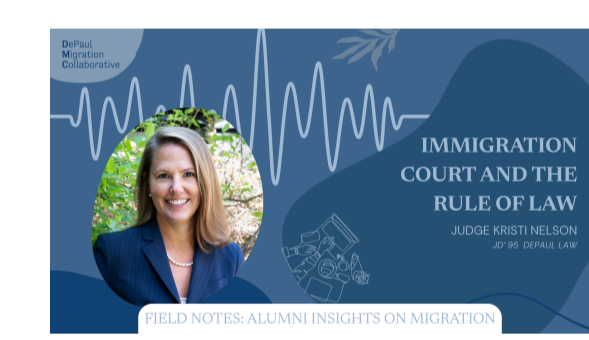
Equipping Practitioners: New Practitioner Joins the DMC to Develop a Trauma-Informed Assessment Toolkit for Asylum Seeker Support

Welcome 2026 DMC Practitioner-in-Residence Venera Bekteshi, PhD, MSW, MPA, MA. Includes a portrait of Venera Bekteshi.

Venera Bekteshi, PhD, MSW, MPA, MA an accomplished scholar and educator, has made significant contributions to the fields of social work, public health, and immigrant studies through her career. With an impressive portfolio of over 30 co-authored articles, she has been a driving force in advancing knowledge and addressing pressing societal issues.

As a Practitioner in Residence with the DePaul Migration Collaborative, Dr. Bekteshi will develop, pilot, and share the CIAS Practitioner's Toolkit for teams serving asylum seekers. Rooted in her Contextual Influence in Acculturative Stress (CIAS) model, the toolkit translates an evidence-based framework into practical assessment templates, interview guides, and a contextual analysis matrix that help legal advocates and social workers document trauma, resilience, cultural strengths, and structural barriers in a consistent, culturally responsive way.

Alumni Conversations on Immigration Court and the Rule of Law



In August 2025, the DePaul Migration Collaborative sat down with DePaul Law alum Judge Kristi Nelson for a timely and insightful conversation on navigating the Immigration Court under the Trump administration.

Judge Nelson served as an Immigration Judge from 2023 until 2025 and now is a Partner at Katten and Temple LLP.

Listen to the full interview on our YouTube channel

Youtube Link: Immigration Court and the Rule of Law | Judge Kristi Nelson

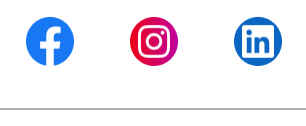
In Case You Missed It

Resources and Calls to Action

- Resources: IL IMMIGRATION INFO | Know Your Rights
Immigration Resources | DePaul Migration Collaborative | Centers, Institutes & Initiatives | Academics | College of Law | DePaul University, Chicago
Frequently Asked Questions Related to Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officers on DePaul University Property | Immigration | Services | Office of the General Counsel | DePaul University, Chicago
ReadyNow! -Emergency Alert System for Immigrant Families
Calls to Action: Volunteer — IL IMMIGRATION INFO
How to Help MIBFC — Midwest Immigration Bond Fund
Share Know Your Rights Information with family, friends, and community members.

Migration News

- With Paywalls: Somalis Fled Civil War and Built a Community. Now They Are a Target. - The New York Times; Greenlanders Weigh Options as Trump Threatens Takeover - The New York Times
Without Paywalls: Rohingya genocide case: Myanmar begins defence at ICJ; Myanmar made Rohingya lives a nightmare, Gambia tells genocide case | Reuters; Season 2, Episode 2: H-1B Visas - Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility; US to cut funding to states over 'sanctuary cities,' Trump says | Reuters; Ex-ICE officer pleads guilty to sexually abusing immigrant in custody | The Independent; 'Abolish ICE'? Many Democrats are ready to fund it — with conditions - POLITICO; UNHCR Global Compact on Refugees Indicator Report 2025; France bans 10 far-right UK activists for targeting migrant boats | Migration News | Al Jazeera; L.A. County moves to carve out 'ICE-free' zones following immigration raid violence - Los Angeles Times; Minneapolis ICE shooting live updates: Protesters face tear gas as Trump admin promises tough response; How Minnesota faith communities are resisting aggressive immigration operations - NPR; Maduro is in jail, but Venezuelans facing immigration limbo feel it's still not safe to return; Federal immigration agencies face backlash over private property raids | AP News; Trump administration to investigate refugee status of Minnesota residents - Washington Examiner; Two wounded in a shooting with US federal agents in Portland, Oregon | Donald Trump News | Al Jazeera; Iran | Latest News from Iran Today | AP News



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